

Child Care/ Development Program

TECHNICAL EDUCATION



**DODGE CITY
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

For More Information
Office of Admissions
Dodge City Community College
2501 North 14th Avenue
Dodge City, KS 67801-2399

How to Apply for Admissions

Dodge City Community College has an open-door admissions policy with the following requirements for all full-time students:

1. Complete application for admission.
2. Send ACT scores (SAT are accepted). (This is not required but highly recommended. Athletes must submit ACT or SAT scores.)
3. Send high school transcript or equivalent (GED).
4. Send college transcript (if applicable).

The following two items are not requirements for admission but essential planning steps for some students:

5. Submit a deposit to reserve on-campus housing.
6. Check into financial aid and scholarships. Make applications where required.

Dodge City Community College is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Kansas Department of Education.

Special Notice

Dodge City Community College is committed to equal opportunity for all students, regardless of age, sex, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, handicap or veteran status.

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Join DCCC's Child Care/Development Program for a Child-related Career!

DCCC Child Development Center

Housed in a brand new facility designed specifically for child care, the DCCC Child Development Center (CDC) introduces students to a fully functioning day care center operating four classrooms with licensed enrollment for 52 children. Child Care/Development students study their major course work in a classroom right next door to a full-day day care classroom for 20 preschool-age children. The CDC serves as a site for practicum courses for CC/D majors.

The CDC has a paid professional staff of teachers, aides, and a program manager, all of whom serve as resources for Child Care/Development majors completing practicum courses at the CDC. In addition to teaching the course work for CC/D majors, the Director/Instructor of Child Care Programs serves as the overall administrator of the CDC. Students benefit from having access to an instructor who is currently and directly involved in center operations on an ongoing basis.

Expand Your Employment Options

Changing federal and state regulations are requiring more qualifications for potential caregivers to enter the child care field. Individuals without formal training are more restricted in the types of positions they can hold.

Increase Your Earning Potential

A recent survey of Kansas child care providers showed that degreed caregivers earn higher wages and hold positions of greater responsibility than those without degrees.

Prepare for Other Child-related Careers

Working in the field of early childhood today doesn't necessarily mean working directly with children in a day care setting.

As the field continues to expand, people with child development backgrounds are finding jobs as nannies, parent educators, public school para professionals, day care licensing workers, resource and referral counselors, early childhood supply and equipment sales representatives, business consultants, etc. An applied science degree can qualify you for some of these positions, and serve as a good foundation for the continuing education needed for others.



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Increased Professional Satisfaction

The more you know about young children and how they develop, the better able you are to guide their growth and learning in appropriate ways. Knowing that what you're doing constitutes quality caregiving means knowing that you are making a positive difference in the lives of the children and families you serve.

Career Training

The rapidly growing field of child care and child development has come a long way from the "babysitting" image of years gone by. People working in today's child care field must be skilled in many areas: planning and doing appropriate activities with young children; working with parents; planning nutritious meals; marketing the program; personnel supervision; budgeting and financial management; and keeping informed about ever-changing government programs, regulations, and social services.

High-quality child care can give children the security and self-confidence that serve as the foundation for later success in school and life, and the key to quality is having knowledgeable, competent caregivers. The Child Care/Development Program at DCCC is the way to develop that knowledge and competence!

Employment Settings

- Day Care Centers
- Preschools
- Head Start Programs
- Family Day Homes
- As Nannies In Private Homes
- As Paraprofessionals With Schools

One-year Certificate or Two-year Degree Programs

The Dodge City Community College Child Care/Development Program provides a broad-based curriculum involving both traditional classroom studies and direct, "hands-on" experiences with young children. Students may choose to complete either a one-year certificate or a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree.

Courses in child development, curriculum planning, children's literature, preschool physical education, nutrition, first aid, family relationships, parent education, and child care administration are combined with additional general education courses to give CC/D majors a solid base of theoretical and practical knowledge.

At the same time students are gaining this knowledge, they are putting it to practical use in direct teaching experiences with young children in local preschools and day care centers. Practicum courses are progressively more involved, moving from directed observation to planning and executing a full week of activities for a group of young children.



Financial Aid

Dodge City Community College has developed a variety of financial aid packages to assist students in overcoming economic problems associated with college attendance. DCCC accepts financial aid applications and makes decisions regarding those applications without regard to sex, race, creed, disability, or national origin.

Students who wish to apply for a Pell Grant or Stafford Loan must first establish their eligibility by completing their ACT Family Financial Statement and have their expected family contribution determined. It takes approximately four to six weeks to process an ACT Family Financial Statement. If a student is determined eligible to apply for a loan, it takes at least another three to four weeks for the loan application to be processed.

To qualify for any federal financial aid, a student needs to have a high school diploma or GED. Students who do not meet these requirements may arrange to take a vocational test to determine ability to benefit. Contact the DCCC Testing Center well in advance of the class starting date to arrange for testing.

Veterans who meet eligibility requirements may receive benefits for credit courses taken at the college. For more information call 316-225-1321, Ext. 208.

Any student with a financial concern is encouraged to contact the DCCC Financial Aid Director for additional information.

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Mail This Card To:



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Toll-free in Kansas 1-800-742-9519
Toll-free out-of-state 1-800-262-4565
Phone Registration 316-225-4114

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Name (Last) _____

(First) _____ (Middle) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Birthdate ____/____/____

Last School Attended _____

Year of Graduation from High School _____

Please send information on: (Check)

_____ Financial Aid/Scholarships

_____ On-Campus Housing

_____ Catalog/Admissions Packet

_____ Other: _____